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\$1.6B development in Yonkers up for hearing

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YONKERS - The Struever Fidelco Cappelli development proposed for Yonkers is so big that almost everyone seems to have an opinion on it.

At a public hearing Tuesday, residents will get their chance tell the Yonkers City Council what they think about the \$1.6 billion development. The meeting is a required part of the state's environmental review process for the plan.

The SFC plan is actually several projects in one, the biggest of which is Hudson Park Center. It consists of two 50-story residential buildings and a 6,500-seat minor-league baseball stadium, sitting atop an 11-story parking, entertainment and retail complex which would rise on the city's Chicken Island parking lot.

Next are Palisades Point - two 25-story apartment towers on the Hudson River, south of the Yonkers Pier - and Cacace Center, a city office building that would include a hotel and a new fire headquarters, which would rise across Nepperhan Avenue from City Hall.

Included in the overall plan, but in need of its own additional funding, says SFC executive project manager Joseph Apicella, is uncovering the Saw Mill River at Larkin Plaza.

Supporters such as Mayor Phil Amicone say the SFC development would provide a huge economic boost for Yonkers, a city that continues to face financial trouble.

Among its more controversial aspects, however, are the size of the waterfront towers, the overall size of the Hudson Park Center, and the city's plan to tap the development's future property taxes to pay for infrastructure needed to service the huge complex.

More details on the plan - some 4,000 pages worth - are contained in its draft environmental impact statement, available online at www.sfcyonkers.com/deis.

Tuesday's public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Yonkers City Council Chambers on the fourth floor of Yonkers City Hall, 40 S. Broadway.

The public will get a second opportunity to speak about the plan directly to City Council members at Roosevelt High School at 7 p.m. May 13. That is also the final date that people can submit written comments to the city on the development.