

Simone Development Named Redeveloper Of Yonkers' Boyce Thompson Property

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Simone Developments will redevelop the Boyce Thompson Institute property. Photo Credit: *Contributed*

YONKERS, N.Y. -- Simone Development Companies, which is headquartered in the Bronx, announced it has been designated by the City of Yonkers as the redeveloper of the former Boyce Thompson Institute property into a new mixed-used complex.

Simone's plan for the \$35 million redevelopment project includes offices for business and medical use on the upper floor of the building with the front and rear grade levels housing medical offices, retail stores, banking and two restaurants.

The Boyce Thompson building will be restored to its original character using materials to match or offset the period architecture. An addition will be attached at the south end to resemble the existing structure. A glass "greenhouse" connecting the new building with the existing building will house an information gallery honoring the Boyce Thompson legacy.

As a nod to the property's historic greenhouses, a two-level freestanding glass and aluminum building will be constructed at the corner of Executive Drive and Executive Plaza for either office, medical and/or retail use. The plan includes a public space with a clock or fountain. The existing 52,000-square-foot building will be increased to 70,000 square feet with the free-standing building totaling 15,000 square feet. The parking areas will be paved, landscaped and illuminated using state-of-the-art materials selected to complement the architecture. "We are so pleased that Joe Simone and Simone Development are bringing their talents, and their investment dollars, to Yonkers," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. "The redevelopment of the historic Boyce Thompson building, which has long stood as an eyesore in the heart of Yonkers' corporate center, will bring new jobs and revenues to our city and help solidify Yonkers place as Westchester's retail and business destination." Construction is expected to require 20 months including renovation of the existing structure, the addition to the Boyce Thompson building and the new glass building.

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