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Lee Ellman is the Planning Director of the City of Yonkers, NY. A graduate of Rutgers University with a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning and the State University of New York at Albany with a Bachelor’s degree in Geography, he has almost 40 years of experience in municipal planning.

Mr. Ellman has been the Planning Director of Yonkers since 1990. He lead the revision of the City's Zoning Ordinance in 2000 and set the stage for the on-going revitalization of the city's downtown with the 2010 revision of the downtown zoning ordinance. Other planning efforts include the rezoning and rehabilitation of the Boyce Thompson Center and the creation of an Artisan and Industry zone that will allow the reimagining of the Alexander Smith Carpet Mills Complex. Over the last 10 years over $4 billion dollars in revitalization and development has been fostered and reviewed by his office. At the same time he fostered the creation of the city’s Landmarks Preservation Ordinance and Landmarks Board preserving historic neighborhoods as the city continues its 400 years of reinvention and transformation.