

## AREAS TO BE TURNED INTO CITY PLAYGROUNDS.



An Airplane View of the Highbridge Reservoir, at Amsterdam Avenue and 173d Street, Which Will Be Taken Over by the Park Department for an Outdoor Swimming Pool, to Be Ready This Summer.



The Williamsbridge Reservoir, a Few Blocks South of Woodlawn Cemetery, Where the Park Department Plans to Erect a Sports Stadium to Seat 100,000 Persons.

### *Moses to Get Two Unneeded Reservoirs As Sites for Stadium and Swimming Pool*

The Williamsbridge Reservoir in the Bronx will be converted by the Department of Parks into an outdoor sports stadium with a ten-acre arena and a seating capacity of 100,000, it was announced yesterday.

An agreement has been made with the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity for the transfer of this reservoir and also the Highbridge Reservoir in Manhattan, which will become an outdoor swimming pool. Both are no longer needed for water supply. The transfer, it is expected, will be effected by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund next Wednesday and the work of converting them will begin immediately thereafter.

The Williamsbridge Reservoir, just south of Woodlawn Cemetery and northeast of Mosholu Parkway, is oval in shape. After it is drained an exhibition and recreational swimming pool will be constructed at one end and a track and field

sports arena at the other. The area between them will be paved with concrete to serve as a parking field during large meets and at other times for tennis courts.

Seats for 50,000 spectators will be built on the embankments at each end. Provision will be made for utilizing the entire ten acres of the arena for large spectacles and pageants. The stadium will be ready for use next Spring.

The Highbridge Reservoir is on Amsterdam Avenue between 172d and 174th Streets. It is 300 feet square. The swimming pool there is to be opened this Summer.

William W. Brush, chief engineer of the Bureau of Water Supply, explained that both reservoirs had been kept full only for emergencies. When Park Commissioner Moses requested the transfer it was decided that they would be more useful to the public under the Park Department than as a reserve that might never be needed.