ISLE THAT CITY SEEKS FROM STATE AS YACHT BASIN SITE

NEW PARK PLANNED FOR HARLEM CANAL

Moses Asks Legislature for City Title to 5-Acre Strip at Spuyten Duyvil

WOULD MAKE YACHT BASIN

Plans Call for Linking of the Island to South Shore and 215th St. Extension

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ALBANY, Feb. 7.—Park Commissioner Robert Moses asked the Legislature today to transfer to New York City the title to an island in the Harlem Ship Canal at Spuyten Duyvil, as well as title to land under water, so that the city can add the island to Inwood Hill Park and create a new yacht basin.

A bill carrying out his request was sponsored in the Senate by Frederic R. Coudert Jr., Manhattan Republican. The five-acre island was formed about a year ago when the old channel of the canal was abandoned and a new one cut through the peninsula once occupied by the old Johnson Iron Works.

Lying between the Henry Hudson Bridge and the old bridge at Broadway the island would be linked to the south shore of the canal by filling operations at the east end. Then 215th Street would be extended into the peninsula, which would have a promenade and be landscaped.

The effect of the fill through the old channel would be to form an oval yacht basin along the edge of 215th Street. This would be available to pleasure boat owners who lost their moorings when the West Side park improvements and the Henry Hudson Highway were constructed. The city would erect a building for a concessionnaire who would collect mooring fees and sell gasoline to boat owners.

The island is too small for any but park use, according to an aide of Commissioner Moses, who was confident for this reason that the city will have no difficulty in acquiring it. Deposits left on the island from dredging operations will be used for filling.

The rock-studded island, above at left, which was created when the new channel for the Harlem Ship Canal was cut through the peninsula at Spuyten Duyvil and which the city hopes to acquire and develop into a basin for boat owners. In the center is the Henry Hudson Bridge.

A drawing showing the project as the city plans to develop it, with the channel filled in at 215th Street, thus joining the island to Inwood Hill Park. The oval area in the foreground is being made into a baseball diamond. The Henry Hudson Bridge is in the background.