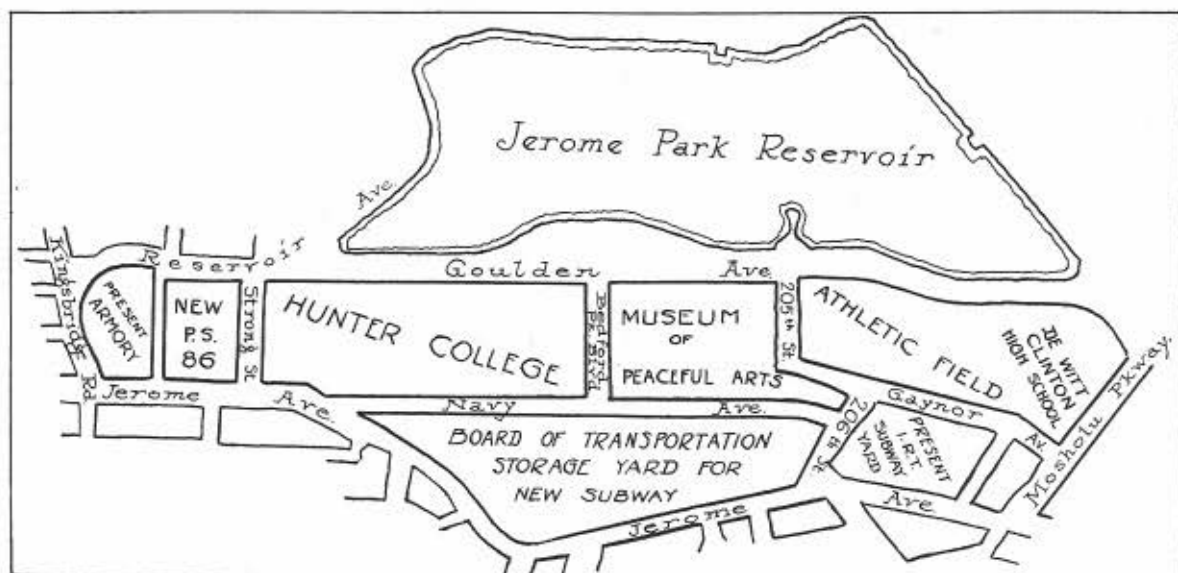


West Bronx's Great Educational Center



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Approved Apportionment of Jerome Park Reservoir Tract

NEW HUNTER COLLEGE SITE IN GREAT BRONX EDUCATIONAL CENTER

As a result of the action of the Sinking Fund Commission in approving, at its meeting on Wednesday, May 4th, the report of Aldermanic President Joseph V. McKee, Chairman of a Special Committee on the matter, the Trustees of Hunter College of the City of New York were assigned a site on the Jerome Park Reservoir Tract for the proposed new Hunter College Buildings, and also sites were allocated for the proposed Museum of the Peaceful Arts and for a storage-yard to serve the new City subway line along the Grand Concourse.

As a new Elementary School, No. 86, is to be erected on the southern end of the tract, immediately adjacent to the 258th Field Artillery Armory, while, at the northern end, the immense new De Witt Clinton High School is now under construction, the reservoir area in the next few years will become the greatest educational center in the United States, if not the world.

The creation of this outstanding cultural center is in line with the recommendations of The Bronx Board of Trade, which had formally asked that these educational institutions be accommodated on the reservoir tract.

A special meeting of The Bronx Board of Trade was held on February 16th, at which Mrs. Maxwell H. Elliott, a Trustee of Hunter College, and Chairman of the New Building Committee, was a principal speaker, and at which resolutions were adopted urging that the City cede a satisfactory site on the Jerome Park Reservoir area for the proposed new buildings of Hunter College, bearing in mind the necessity also for a storage yard for the Concourse

subway line in the same tract, was followed by an intensive campaign to secure the College for The Bronx.

The approval of the Board of Trade for sites on the reservoir tract for the Museum of the Peaceful Arts and the De Witt Clinton High School had been made known to the City authorities previous to the date of the special meeting.

On Wednesday, March 23rd, a public hearing on the matter of allocating the reservoir area as favored by The Bronx Board of Trade was held before the Sinking Fund Commission, and a large and representative delegation of Board of Trade members was on hand to demonstrate the great public interest in the proposition among the Bronx civic leaders.

After numerous speakers had addressed the Commission in favor of the various applicants for space Executive Secretary Charles E. Reid, of The Bronx Board of Trade, was recognized by the Chairman, and requested, in view of the divergences of opinion of the preceding speakers as to the location of the proposed subway yards, that a Special Committee be appointed to go into the matter thoroughly, and report back to the Commission, the said Special Committee to include Aldermanic President McKee, as Chairman, Borough President Bruckner, and representatives of Hunter College, the Board of Education, and the Board of Transportation.

Mr. Reid's suggestion was adopted, and President McKee filed the Special Committee's report on April 20th, and secured its adoption by an unanimous vote on May 4th.

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