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 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT FLUSHING MEADOW PARK  
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New York World's Fair, July 23-- The New York World's Fair 1964-1965 Corporation today (Friday, July 23) released its Post Fair Engineering Report describing plans for the restoration of Flushing Meadow Park. In a foreword to the report, Robert Moses, president of the Fair Corporation, said:

"The report which follows is what the title implies, a summary of steps to be taken to restore Flushing Meadow to park use after the Fair. It describes the basic layout, framework, landscaping and structures to be retained, those to be taken down after exhibits are removed, and the restoration to be undertaken before the park goes back to the City.

"It is a source of regret to us that the Fair cannot complete this great park so that nothing further will be required for many years. Every step we are taking however, follows an ultimate plan which is realizable in the not distant future. The immediate restoration on top of arterial and other costly improvements will provide a nucleus to which the City can add refinements as the surrounding population grows and new sources of funds, such as those provided in Governor Rockefeller's park

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proposition become available, beginning in 1967 or 1968. Among them are the Science Center, launched largely through the efforts of Paul Screvane, the Zoo and Botanical Garden in the Kissena Corridor, sponsored by Borough President Mario Cariello, and a number of other improvements initiated in the 1964-1965 Fair period.

We believe it is no exaggeration to say that two World's Fairs have produced here in the very center of New York, on the scene of a notorious ash dump, one of the very great municipal parks of our country."

The report includes recommendations for the retention of various buildings and other structures constructed by the Fair Corporation and its exhibitors. It is also pointed out that, in the planning and construction of the Fair, every effort was made to provide facilities that would also be of permanent use, including its landscaping, utilities, pools, fountains, streets, paths and walks.

The fulfillment of this plan, including pre-Fair and post-Fair construction, as outlined in the report, represents a total contribution by the Fair Corporation and its exhibitors of some \$45,000,000 worth of permanent park facilities to the City of New York. Expenditures by the Fair Corporation constitute well over half of this sum which does not include the amounts expended by the City on permanent improvements in the park such as the Hall of Science. Nor did we include \$120,000,000 in federal-state permanent highway improvements.